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DX News

J51A Acknowledging a QSO World Record

As many will know, the [J51A Guinea-Bissau DXpedition](#) recently broke the world record total for DXpedition QSOs. The previous record belonged to [T32C Kiritimati](#) set in 2011.

Earlier today the planning team behind T32C messaged J51A with the following warm words of congratulations:

Dear J51A Team,

The Planning Committee of the 2011 Five Star DXers' T32C DXpedition would like to congratulate the J51A team in surpassing our world record of 213,021 QSOs by a DXpedition.

This record has stood for 15 years and it is testament to your skills and dedication that you have achieved it in less time and with fewer operators. Well done!

73 Don G3BJ, Chris G3SVL, Gordon G3USR, John G3WGV, Don G3XTT, Bob MD0CCE – and not forgetting Neville, G3NUG (SK).

Kiritimati
(Christmas Island)
2011

Kiritimati lies 232 km (144 mi) north of the Equator, 6,700 km (4,200 mi) from Sydney and 5,360 km (3,330 mi) from San Francisco. It counts as Eastern Kiribati for DXCC.

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5W0AF Samoa – postponed

Jacek, SP5EAQ had announced he would be active from Samoa from 22 March to 11 April. He was set to fly via Doha (Qatar) and Brisbane, ultimately arriving in Apia to begin operating as 5W0AF. However, the geopolitical situation has shifted significantly since the initial planning. With the airspace of several countries (including Qatar) currently closed, the stability of the region remains uncertain even if routes were to reopen shortly. Consequently, Jacek has determined that the only viable solution is to re-route and postpone the DXpedition - likely until autumn. This will involve purchasing new tickets that avoid the Middle East entirely.

CY0S Sable Island -update March 11

Travel has begun for the CY0S team. Glenn W0GJ departed his home in Iowa in the very early hours of Wednesday morning, enroute to North Carolina to meet up with WA4DAN. Glenn is projected to arrive at the home of WA4DAN by late Thursday afternoon. On Friday, Glenn and Murray will go through the checklist of all gear. This includes the long ski bags with the antennas and Spider Poles. Each bag will be opened, inventoried and weighed to make sure all is accounted for. In the ski bags are the antennas, Spider Poles, guy rings with guy ropes already measured

and attached with 42-inch-long wood guy stakes for the loose sand on Sable. Glenn and Murray begin their long drive to Nova Scotia on Saturday morning with projected arrival by late afternoon on Monday. <https://www.dx-world.net/cy0s-sable-island-dxpedition-2026/>

8Q7ZW Maldives -update March 11

We are currently stranded in the Maldives. The situation in the world is making it difficult for us to return home.

Our expedition continues, but the cost of flights is extremely high – up to ten times the normal price – and at the moment – we cannot get out.

We would therefore like to kindly ask for your support or donation, which would allow us to stay here for a few more days until the situation improves. Accommodation prices are also rising, which makes the situation even more challenging.

We sincerely thank you for any help and support!

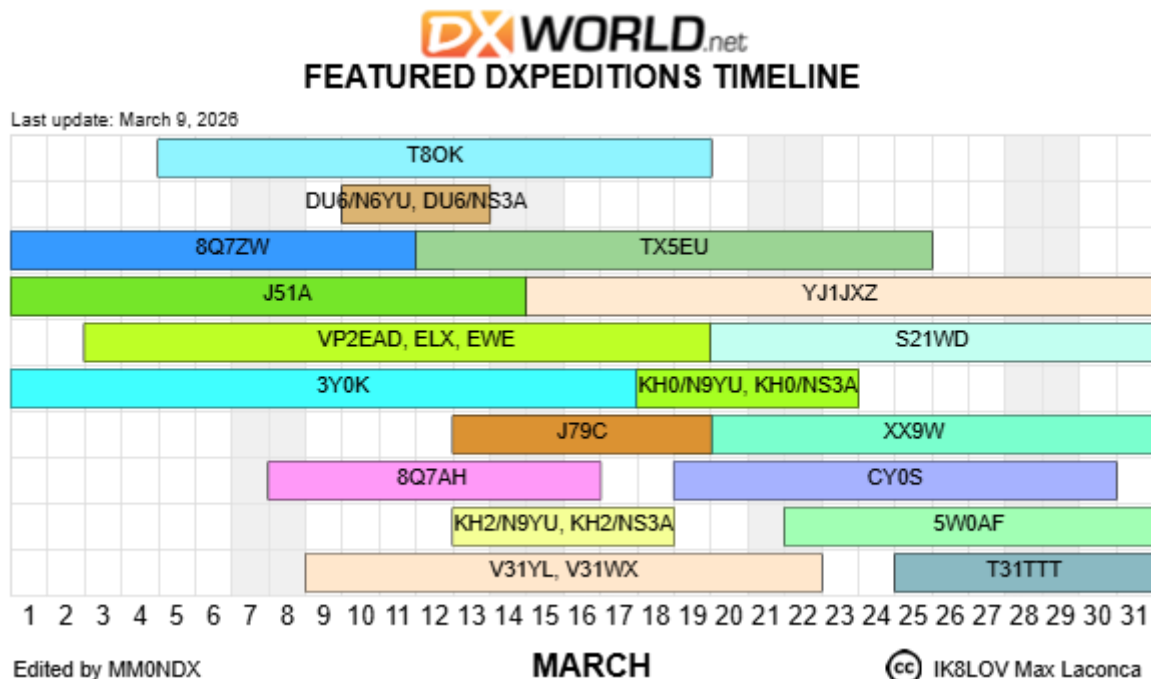
T31TTT Kanton Island -update

The upcoming T31TTT DXpedition to Kanton island is very likely going to be the last one for some considerable time.

Dom, 3D2USU lets us know that joining him and other Rebel DX Group members will be Government officials including an attorney general from Kiribati and a Ministry of Fishery and Environmental delegation.

They are changing the visiting rules very soon. After PIPA (Phoenix Island Protected Area) collapsed under the previous Govt, the new Parliament decided to move responsibility to the Ministry of Fishery and Environmental department(s). <https://www.dx-world.net/t31ttt-kanton-island/>

DXCC timeline



DXCC

This week on air

DX tour by Hrane YT1AD, Sergey R7KW and Steve YU3AA/NS3A

DU6, PHILIPPINES DU6/N9YU and DU6/NS3A until March 12

KH2, GUAM KH2/N9YU and KH2/NS3A March 13-17

KH0, MARIANA KH0/N9YU and KH0/NS3A March 17-23

Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via homecalls, N9YU via YT1AD and NS3A via YU3AA.

3B8, MAURITIUS Suvarna VU3OPT is operating as 3B8G until end March. Operation on HF using CW. <https://www.9n7ga.com>

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is once again active as 4S7KKG until end March. Activity from 60 to 6 metres using FT8 and QO-100. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

6Y, JAMAICA Hiro, JH6GFY will be operating as call/6Y during March 18-24. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using a ft-991A and a dipole. QSL via LoTW.

C6, BAHAMAS Paul, WA4PAW is QRV from Treasure Cay as C6APS until April 12. Activity from 20 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/C6APS>

D4, CAPE VERDE Claudio, HB9OAU will be operating from Boavista Island from March 18 until March 25. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via IK8KHC.

FG, GUADELOUPE Stefan, HB9JAB is active from Guadeloupe as FG/HB9JAB until March 12 and again during March 20-27. QRV from both Grande-Terre and Base-Terre during his stay. He will run an FT-891 and a wire antenna covering 20-10m using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

FH, MAYOTTE Ivan, UR9IDX is operating as FH/call until March 20.

FO, AUSTRAL ISL A team with PG5M, PA3EWP, DL2AMD, PA2KW, DK2AMM and DL2AWG is operating as TX5EU until March 25. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via DL2AWG buro. <https://tx5eu-2026.topdx.de/#welcome>

GU, GUERNSEY Ron, G4DIY and Jay M0UNN will be operating as MP7DX from March 13 until March 17. Operation from 40 to 10 metres with perhaps 80 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via G4DIY and LoTW.

On the scene...team TX5EU at Paris Only airport



H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernard (DL2GAC) is once again QRV as H44MS from Manakwai village until April 10. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

J3, GRENADA Mike, G3VYI is active as J38YI until March 16. An entry in the BERU contest is included. QSL via home call direct.

J5, GUINEA-BISSAU A team with Ben DA1DX, Win DK9IP, Andy DL8LAS, Uli DM5EE and Lutz DM6EE is active from the Bijagos Archipelago until March 15. They will try QO-100 satellite to, this have never been done before from J5. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via DJ4MX, Club Log. Full details on <https://www.qrz.com/db/J51A>.

J7, DOMINICA Stefan, HB9JAB will be operating as J79C between March 13 and March 20. QRV on HF using SSB and FT8 with a Yaesu FT-891 and a wire antenna.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/JD1 until mid-May during his spare time. Mostly using CW and FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Masa, JA0RQV will be active in 'holiday-style' as JA0RQV/JD1 between March 13-16. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Look for Takeshi JA1UII as JD1BON between March 19 and March 22. Operating hours normally between 21:00 and 23:00z and again between 11:00z and 15:00z. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Yama JK1EZO/JD1, Hoshi JK1VCO/JD1 and Mori JK1XML/JD1 will be operating FROM Chichijima during March 13-16. They are members of the Nippon Institute of Technology and this is a graduation trip. Operation during their spare time from 160 to 10 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL information to follow.

JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active from the JW5E club station as JW8EKA between March 13-15, 2026. Operation from 20 to 10 metres and perhaps the low bands using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

On the scene...T80K Palau



P4, ARUBA Chad, WE9V is active as PF/call until March 17. Live stream <https://clublog.org/livestream/P4/WE9V>

PJ2, CURACAO Thaire, W2APF is QRV as PJ2/call until March 31. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a Elecraft K5D and a Buddipole, DX Commander for 40 and 30 and a doublet for 80. QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A is once again operating as PJ7AA until April 4. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in some contests is included. QSL via LoTW, home call, Club Log.

S2, BANGLADESH Look for the S21DX team from Grid NL51, they will use their own calls like S21YLJ, S21AM, S21RC, S21FIA, S21HMX, S21MOB, S21RED, S21ACP, S21OM. 17 exotic grids activation over QO-100 bird, where 14 grids never activated before. We will have two stations operating for 2-3 days from each grids over the next year. Mode will be mainly SSB Phone, and some CW.

Location of some of these grids are extremely challenging due to boarder and hilly areas, or Sundarbans and swamp. Some of the grids we have to walk, use local dingy to access. 6 dark red marked grids we have carry generators as well.

T8, PALAU Czech DXpedition Team members (OK1BOA, OK2ZA, OK3RM, OK6DJ) are QRV until March 19 as T8OK. They will not be using the Palau rental QTH which many JA ops in particular use. More details to follow. QSL via OQRS Club Log OK6DJ.

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and FT8 with a dipole.

TY, BENIN Red, DL1BUG is once again active as TY5FR until April 5. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via home call direct.

TY, BENIN Gerard, F5NVF is operating from Godomey as TY5GG until April. QRV on various bands using CW and FT8 from 80 to 10 metres. QSL via LoTW.

V3, BELIZE Mike, VE2XB will be operating from Ambergris Caye as V31ZY during March 16-27, 2026. Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V3, BELIZE Uwe, DL8UD is once again operating as V31KO / V3O during March. Operation from 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via EA5G.

On the scene...5N7QBR by Bodo DF8DX -now QRT



V3, BELIZE Paula OK2YL and Vlad OK2WX are QRV in 'holiday-style' as V31YL and V31WX until March 22. Operation on various bands using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via I8KHC.

V4, ST KITTS John, W5JON is active as V47JA until March 18. Activity on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH is once again QRV as V51WH until March 24. Activity from a farm near Omaruru from 160 to 6 metres (60m included).

VP2E, ANGUILLA A team with SP9FIH, M0PLX and SQ2RAD are active as VP2EAD, VP2EWE and VP2ELX until March 20. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8.

VP2E, ANGUILLA Craig, K5AYO will be active in 'holiday-style' as VP2EYO between March 14 and March 22. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

XX9, MACAO A DXpedition is planned as XX9W with a large team during March 19-31. Activity

on HF and 6 metres. Team members are EA1CJ, EA1SA, EA5BCQ, EA5KA, EA5KM, EA7KE, EA7R, EA7X, F2JD, F8ATS, F8GGV, JH4RHF, IK5RUN and IN3ZNR. <https://www.dxfriends.com/xx9w/>
YJ, VANUATU Aki, JK1JXZ will be operating as YJ1JXZ between March 15 and April 3. Operation from 80 to 6 metres after 17h local time during weekdays, the weekends all day long.

YJ, VANUATU Chris, VK2YUS will again be active from Port Vila, Efate Island, Vanuatu as YJ0CA during March 18 to April 2. QRV on SSB only. Operating hours expected to be mostly between 2100z and 1000z. He uses a 1/4 wave vertical with elevated radials for 40m, and various dipoles & verticals for other bands. QSL via H/c, no LoTW.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Once again, Diya YI1DZ is active as Z81D, his UN-WFP contract runs until March 30. Activity from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. Perhaps some 60 and 80 metres. QSL via OM3JW, LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Andy, K9WAS will be active as ZF2AS between March 15 and March 20. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Colin, G4CWH will once again be QRV as ZF2CA from the ZF1A contest station during the 2025 BERU Commonwealth Contest (March 14-15). QSL via home call direct.

Coming up soon

C6, BAHAMAS Brian, AD8FS will be operating as C6AFD from Eleuthera Island during March 24-31. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW. <https://ad8fd.com/dxpeditons/eleuthera-2026/>

CT3, MADEIRA Helmut, DF7EE will once again be active as CT9/call between March 25 and April 1. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included as CQ3W. QSL via OQRS Club Log.

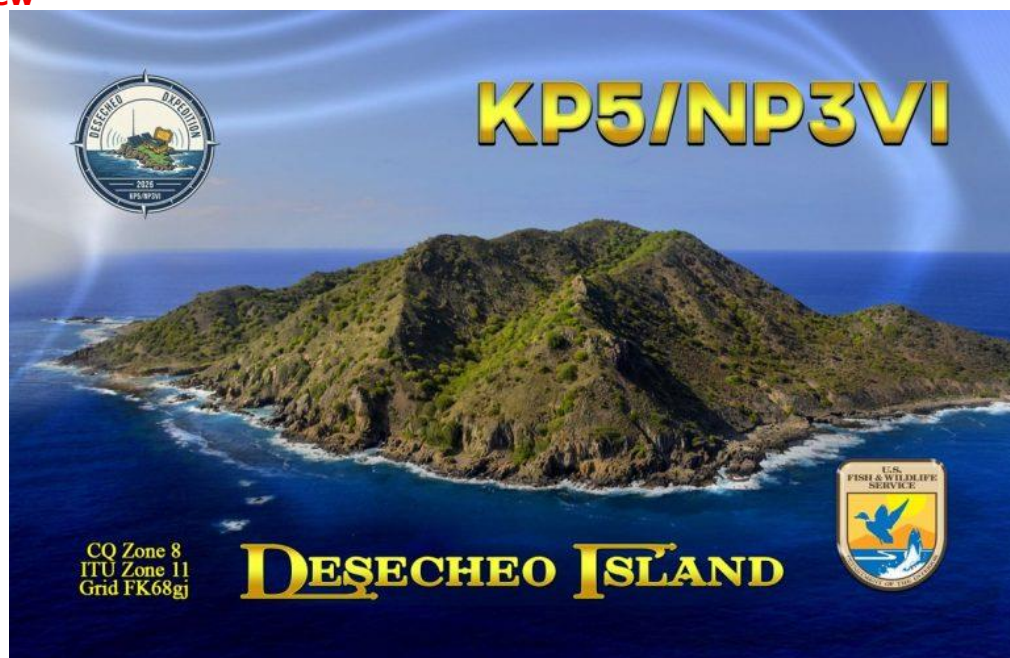
CY0, SABLE ISL The CY0S Dxpediton Team will once again be active between March 19 and March 30/31, 2026. *"As we have done in the past, we will personally transport all of the gear to Halifax, Nova Scotia shortly before the DXpediton", they say. "We have been informed by Sable Aviation that the cost of the flights to the island have significantly increased since 2023. Fund raising has now officially begun for the CY0S DXpediton"* <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/>

S2, BANGLADESH The Next Generation DX Club will be off to Bangladesh around March 20 until April 1. The team will sign as S21WD from 160 to 10 metres and satellites. During the activity period, we also intend to participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest in a Multi-Operator category, operating as S21WD. <https://next-generation-dx.com/s2/>

T8, PALAU Ken, JP1RIW will be QRV as T88KH during March 26-30, 2026. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via BM2JCC or OQRS.

V4, ST KITTS Randy, K5ZD will be active from St Kitts during March 22 to April 1, 2026. Participation in the CQ WPX SSB contest as V47T - outside of the contest he will sign V4/K5ZD. QRV on 80-10m; CW & SSB. V47T via W2RQ. V4/K5ZD via LoTW.

QSL preview



IOTA

This week on air

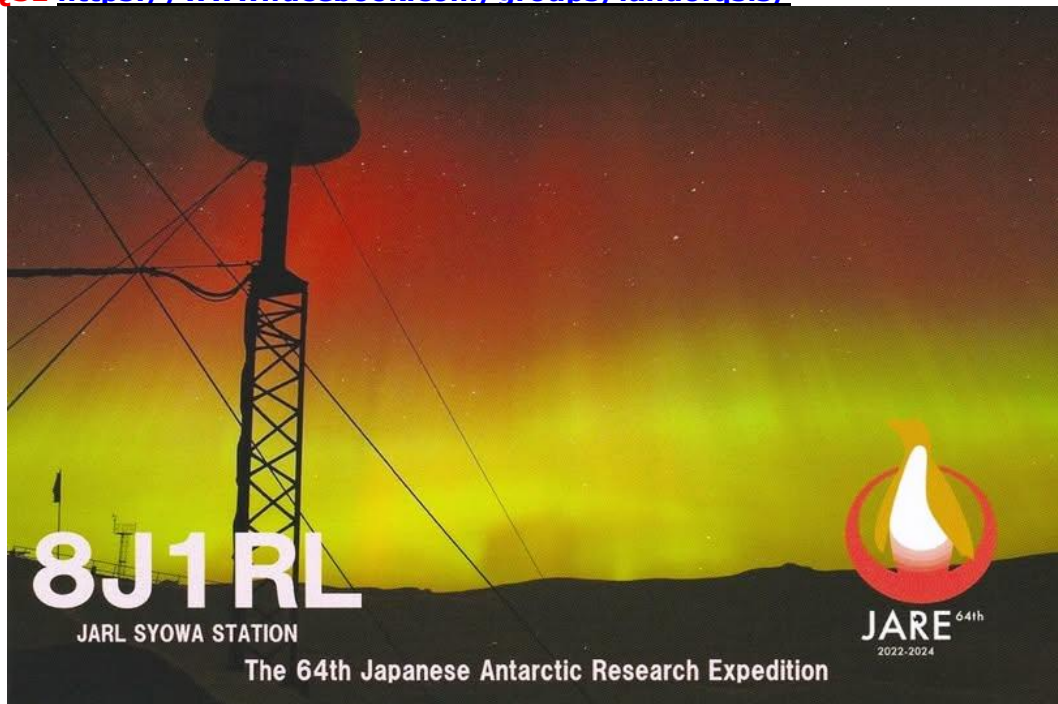
ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JI3DST is active again as JS6RRR until April 17. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Take is also using JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6, JI3DST/P and JJ5RBH/P. QSO's are uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-008 Ellesmere Isl Pierre, VK3KTB is operating again as VY0ERC until April 1. Operation on various bands using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via M0OXO OQRS and LoTW.

Land of QSL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landofqsls/>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

5H, TANZANIA Kasimir, DL2SBY will again be operating as 5H1KB between June 3 and June 12. Focus on 6 metres during his trip. QSL via home call and LoTW.

CT3, MADEIRA S53R, S53WW, S53ZO, S55OO, E70A and team leader S53K will be active during March 25-31. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest as CR3A. QRV as CT9/homecalls before & after the contest.

HR, HONDURAS Look for KN2P, N7VZ and W7UM as HQ9X from Roatan NA-057 between March 24 and March 31. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included as HQ9X. Outside of contest as homecalls/HR9. QRV on 160-10m (no WARC bands); CW, SSB & FT8. QSLs via LoTW including HQ9X.

THE REMINDERS

The Rebel DX Group update

Dom, 3D2USU recently let DX-World know that, he along with one other op in the Rebel DX Group, plan to visit and be active from the following Pacific DXCC entities in the months ahead.

H44 – Solomon Islands (dates: t.b.a)

H40 – Temotu Province (dates: t.b.a)
ZK3 – Tokelau (after current E6 activity)
KH8/S – Swains Island (~ 1 week activity)
T33 – Banaba (after ZK3)
T31 – Central Kiribati (starting March 25, 2026)

3A, MONACO Col MM0NDX and Steve MM0SAJ will once again QRV as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ sometime 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus on low bands in their evenings. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Suvarna, VU3OPT will be operating as 3B9N after the 3B8 activation during April 3 and May 20. <https://www.9n7ga.com>

4K, AZERBAIJAN Jan, DL4XT will be back as 4K/DL4XT this summer for 2 weeks. More to follow. [Youth Contest Team](#)

9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: 'Activity planned in summer 2026! This is my biggest DXpedition planned so far. I got a verbal agreement on the callsign 9N7XT, but this isn't confirmed yet, so it might still change.' Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a FT-891 100W. <https://yct.janlabs.de/dx/nepal2026>

9Y, TRINIDAD Look for 9Y4I during the ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest. Caribbean Top Band CW signals are limited — listen carefully for 9Y4I during peak low-band windows.

C5, THE GAMBIA Arnaud F4AGG and Kuc F5RAV will be active as C5B, C5C and C5D between April 25 and May 8. C5B from Bijolo AF-06 with SAT activity, C5C using CW and SSB and C5D from the mainland using RTTY, PSK and FT8. QSL via F5RAV direct, LoTW.

On the scene...Bangladesh rare grids QO-100 team



C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during September/October 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical +10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

CE0, EASTER ISL Markus, DJ4EL will be operating as 3G0EL during March 28 and April 11. Operation using mainly SSB. QSL via LoTW.

D4, CAPE VERDE Frank, DL1IL will be active in 'holiday-style' end March until mid-April as

D41IL. Operation using CW with 10W. QSL via home call bureau.

E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ will once again be active as E51CZZ and E51KEE next July/August 2026. QRV from Rarotonga, more to follow.

E6, NIUE Tom, KC0W will be operating as E6CW sometime 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW only. More to follow.

FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP will once again be operating as FM/call or TO7O during the CQ WPX SSB contest. Outside the contest QRV on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FM, MARTINIQUE Darrell, AB2E will be operating as TO3E between May 26 and June 2. An entry in the CQWPX CW contest is included. Before and after the contest he will focus on WARC and low bands using mostly CW with some FT8 and RTTY. QSL via LoTW or direct via home call.

FO, MARQUESAS ISL A team of 6 operators (K5WE, W5CCP, N5TEA, K4VBM, WD5COV and F6BCW) will be active as TX9W from April 19 until April 30. Activity with 6 stations from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Depending upon a reliable internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily and Club Log Livestream will be active. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after returning home. <https://k5we.com/tx9w/>

FO, MARQUESAS ISL Chunki, VA7YM will be on a circumnavigation trip and the first stop is Marquesas. Operation as FO/call sometime July. More on QRZ.com.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again (18th tour) be active as FP/call, this for the 18th time. Activity between June 27 and July 13 with an entry in the IARU HF Contest.

[FP/KV1J July 2026](#)

HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a Dxpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a Dxpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

On the scene...T80K, another amp fails



PJ2, CURACAO Frank, PH2M will again be active as PJ2/PH2M during June 12-29. QRV holiday-style on 60-6m, mainly FT8, some SSB. QSL via buro, direct, LoTW.

R1/F, FRANZ JOSEF LAND After two years of planning the RUDXT are proud to announce a DXpedition to the northern-most DXCC in the world – Franz Josef Land. Team of 6 operators will be active from Heiss island (FJL) during 15 days in late August-early September 2026.

<https://www.rudxt.org/r1fjl>

T8, PALAU A team with Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN, Kuni JA1CJA, Jusei JA3IVU and Shozo

JA3HJI plan (tentatively) activity from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during October 21-29, 206. QRV on various bands and modes as: T88MB (JA3AVO), T88CZ (JI3DNN), T88DK (JA1CJA), T88ED (JA3IVU) and as T88DN (JA3HJI).

T8, PALAU Yas, JA6UBY will be operating as T88RR from June 10 until June 18, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or home call.

T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during June 19-22, 2026. An entry in the All Asian DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Markus, WW6W will be back as V4/call between May 24 and June 1, 2026. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Hanspeter, HB9BFM will be QRV as V5/call during August 26 to September 20, 2026. QRV from different locations between 16-19 UTC in Olivia 8/250 at 14072.000kHz.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARDX) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027.

Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world.

<https://www.ardxpeditions.com/dxpeditions/vp0sg>

VP9, BERMUDA Paul, VP9KF will be active from Baileys Bay with only a focus on JA and Far East on all bands. An entry in the CQMM contest is included. QSL via home call. <https://vp9kf.com/>

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL The World DXpedition team will be operating during November 2027 from 3 POTA locations. A team with 11 operators Dave WJ2O, K1NZ Nick Maslon; K2SAV, William "Savo" Savacool; K1ZM, Jeff Briggs; N1QV, Miriam Briggs; W0ZB, Steve Keithahn; K3PT, Kyle Snavelly; KD0IVB, Emily Snavelly; K1LZ, Krassy Petkov; VU2RS, Sarath Rayaprollu; and N4VGE, Van Herridge Organizer. Team support members are XYL Judi Savacool and XYL Vicki Herridge is QRV with 5 stations 24/7. [Andaman - World DXpeditions](#)

ZK3, TOKELAU The Perseverance DX Group will be QRV from Tokelau. The permission for entering the island is already OK. Plan is to be active in November 2026. Team members include: Rob N7QT, Gene K5GS, Steve W1SRD, Glenn KE4KY, Dave K3EL, Dave WD5COV, Robin WA7CPA, Brian N9ADG, Jackie ZL3CW, Francesco IK0FVC, Laci HA0NAR, Violetta KN2P and Jack N7JP. More to follow.



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THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-084 Abokwa Isl Silvano I2YSB let us know that the Italian DXpedition Team will be active from Abokwa Island (AF-084), Ghana, during the first half of April as 9G5CC, 9G5RR and 9G5ZP. The setup is a 21Mhz VDA, an Elecraft K3 and KPA500 amp with a 3KW generator. Planned frequencies are 21.043 CW, 21.260 SSB, FT8 will start on 21.096.

ASIA

AS-127 Kutubdia Isl Look for team S21DX sometime 2026. They plan to operate for at least 18 hours a day depending generator and the number of team members. Team for now is S21YLJ, S21AM, S21RC, S21FIA and S21RED. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using SSB, FT8 and QO-100.

QSL via EB7DX, LoTW.

AS-169 Arnala Isl The AU2M operation from Arnala Island (cancelled last year) has been rescheduled for May 1-3. This IOTA group was activated back 2004 and 2006, and has been silent ever since. More information is expected in due course.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-178 California State Centre (Sonoma to Santa Cruz County) group

NA-187 California State Centre (Monterey / San Luis Obispo County) group

Rick, K6VVA has plans to activate these islands sometime in the 3rd quarter of 2026. More to follow.

OCEANIA

OC-066 Rangiroa Atoll Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX9XG (dates to follow). Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi with an IC-7300MK2 and multiband antennas. QSL via home call, OQRS.

OC-095 Lakeba Isl Jacek, SP5APW will conduct a solo Dxpedition as 3D2JK between April 17 and April 22. QRV on the higher bands and 6 metre using primarily FT8.

Lakeba Island is the rarest IOTA reference in Fiji belonging to the top 10% of the world-wide most wanted references. The last activation of OC-095 was carried out over 20 years ago, in 2004 and currently this reference is in demand by 87% of the IOTA chasers.

OC-165 Talang-Talang Besar A large team with 12 operators will be active as 9M8T sometime April/May 2026. More to follow.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-019 Abrolhos Isl Renato, PY8WW informs: *we are currently coordinating with the Brazilian Navy, there is a strong possibility that a Brazilian team will be active from Abrolhos Island, SA-019, later this year, possibly in November. More details regarding callsigns, bands, and modes will be shared as soon as the plans are finalized. Stay tuned for updates, and we hope to work many of you from this beautiful IOTA location!*

SA-093 Tutumate Isl Renato, PY8WW will be operating as HK4/call on May 9-15. "CW and SSB remain my main focus", he says, with FT8 as "just a tool for those difficult moments when propagation doesn't cooperate". More information is expected in due course. This IOTA group was activated only once, by HK3JJH/4 back in 2002.

On the scene...DM5EE & DL8LAS @ J51A with RF Kit amplifier in use.



Antarctic base

Casey Station

Tom, VK2TBC is based at Casey Station, Antarctica and plans to be operational as **VK0TBC** until December. He is running with a Flex-8400 and DX Commander plus other wire antennas. QRV when time permits on SSB & FT8. — Casey Station **webcam**

March 11: 'I have now finished setting up the station in its most basic mode. I am on the air mostly on 20m on FT8 for the moment and will be on SSB in the coming days. I will be operating on UTC +8 generally in the evenings and some weekends. I am logging on QRZ.com for now and if you would like a QSL card please look at the QSL page here for details.'

McMurdo Station, Ross Island by Andrew KC4/KL5SE

My 11th season to McMurdo Station, Antarctica. I'll be operating from there as **KC4USV** and as **KC4/KL5SE** from field camps nearby during the 2025-2026 Austral summer season.

So far activity has been from:

Keep an eye on Andrew's QRZ [page](#) for further updates.

Neumayer Station

New ham operator Lasse, DL9LU is active during the entire winter as DP0GVN until December 2026. QSL via OQRS.

Vostok base by Alex UG1A

A new callsign have been assigned to Alex for all operations during this season: RI1ANI.

Since 2007, Alex was very active from Progress and Vostok base, mostly in CW but also in SSB with many calls such as R1ANC, R1ANP, RI1ANC, RI1ANV, RI30ANT.

NOTE: Ridge B is one of the least studied areas in Antarctica but has been considered to be a potential location for the oldest ice on Earth. In January 2020, the first scientific traverse from Russia's Vostok Station to the topographical dome of Ridge B was carried out. Ridge B (Dome B) is 3807m above sea level, 79.02°S, 93.69°E).



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

DL, GERMANY DA26WARD is the special callsign for the DARC Team SES to promote World Amateur Radio Day between 1 March and 30 April. QSL via LoTW, DK5ON, and DCL (DARC Community Logbook). WARD is celebrated annually on 18 April, the day when the IARU was formed in 1925. The theme for this year's WARD is "Advancing the Spirit of Amateur Radio Through Innovation. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA LZ75HSC is the special callsign for Bulgarian HSC members to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy Highspeed Club (HSC) until the end of the year. QSL via LZ2JE. The club was founded in 1951 as a community within the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC). To date, membership has grown to include over 1,400 operators spanning every continent: <http://www.highspeedclub.org> (TNX 425DX)

SV, GREECE SZ40A is the special callsign for the Radio Amateur Association of Western Greece

(SZ1A) to celebrate "forty years of continuous presence, service, and contribution to amateur radio". Look for activity across multiple HF bands and modes from 1 March to 31 May. QSL via ON3UN. See <https://awards.sz1a.org> for the award programme. (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA Throughout 2026, Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A69AA** to mark his 69 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA 9A10SOTA is the special callsign celebrating ten years of SOTA Croatia. Look for activity until 30 September 2026. A certificate will be available for contacts made between 1 October and 31 December 2025, see <https://9aff.wordpress.com/> for information. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA To celebrate their 15th anniversary, members of the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC (9A1WFF) will be active as **9A44FF** and **9A44FF/p** between 1 January and 31 December. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/9A44FF> for information about the Anniversary Award. (TNX 425DX)

CT, PORTUGAL The Rede dos Emissores Portugueses (REP) has announced an activity open to its members across Portugal during 2026. Using the special callsign **CT100REP** (including /p or /m), this year-long collective activity celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the REP, Portugal's IARU society. Operation is planned across various HF, VHF, and UHF bands using multiple modes (SSB, CW, Digital) and satellites. (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...Anguilla with VP2ELX, VP2EAD and VP2EWE



DL, GERMANY Celebrating a half-century of German research in Antarctica, special callsigns **DA0ANT**, **DM50ANT** and **DP50ANT** will be active from 15 February to 30 April. In addition, active on 1-30 April will also be **DM50GFS** (for the 50th anniversary of the Georg Forster Station, established by the GDR in 1976 and decommissioned in 1993), as well as **DP200GVN** (for the bicentenary of the birth of Georg von Neumayer, after whom three German Antarctic research stations have been named). See <https://50ant.hamaward.de/en/german-antarctic-research/> for complete information on the "50 Years of German Antarctic Research" award. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY During 2026, the following special event stations celebrate 100 years of the German aviation company Lufthansa: **DA100LH**, **DL100LH** and **DK100LH** (special DOK)

100DLH). QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY To commemorate the centenary of the first Kurzwellentagung - the landmark convention for German shortwave enthusiasts held in Jena on 16-17 January 1926 - the special callsign **DF100KWTJ** will be active between 1 January and 31 March. QSL via bureau. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The special event stations **DA100TV** and **DL100TV** (special DOK 100TV) celebrate 10 years of television in Germany during 2026. QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special callsign **DB100FT** will be active throughout 2026 to celebrate the centenary of the Berlin Radio Tower (Funkturn), one of the city's most iconic landmarks. The 150-metre-high steel lattice tower occupies a prominent place in the history of radio broadcasting in Germany, as it was used to broadcast transmissions starting in 1926. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. (TNX 425DX)

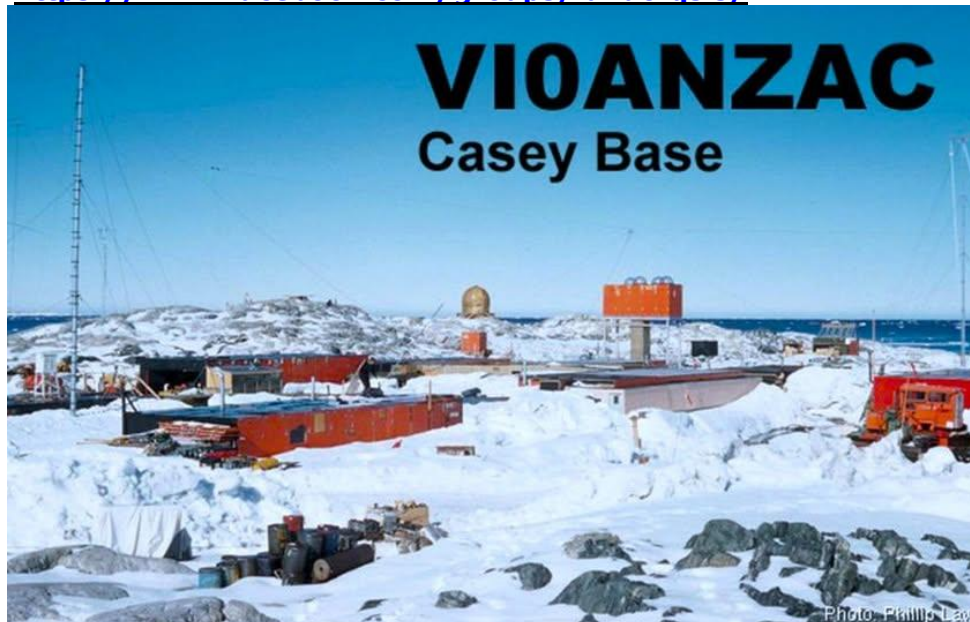
DL, GERMANY DARC Team SES will be active as **DL25WIKI** throughout 2026. The special callsign celebrates the 25th anniversary of Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, founded in January 2001: "the station reflects the spirit of free knowledge and international collaboration within the amateur radio community. Wikipedia and amateur radio share common values: openness, education, technical enthusiasm, and world-wide networking". QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; QSOs will also be uploaded to LoTW and the DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY **DQ30GDXF** is the special callsign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the German DX Foundation (<https://www.gdx.de/>) during 2026. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY To celebrate the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Milano Cortina 2026, the DARC Team SES will be active as **DD2026WPG** (1 March-1 April). QSLs via DK5ON, LoTW and DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE The radio club Rambouillet F6KKR celebrates its 50th anniversary with the callsign **TM50KKR** from March until June (Saturdays only). (TNX DXNL)

Land of QSL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landofqsls/>



G, ENGLAND **GB50PUNK** is a special callsign for David, G3SKA "and team" to use at various times between 1 January and 31 December to celebrate 50 years of punk rock music. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and eQSL; QSL via the bureau or direct. Updates will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/61585208894891>. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Milano, ARI Cadore and ARI Brunico/Bruneck will activate special callsigns **II2WOG** (QSL via IQ2MI), **II3COR** (QSL via IQ3DD), **II3WOG** (QSL via IQ3ED), and **II3BIA** (QSL via IQ3ED) between 6 February and 22 March for the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Milano Cortina 2026. Certificates and eQSLs will be available on <https://hamaward.cloud/>. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2026, ARI Fidenza (IQ4FE), with the patronage and historical supervision of

the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the "key figures who played a fundamental role in Marconi's personal and emotional, educational and cultural, academic, scientific and, finally, entrepreneurial development": II4AMRC (March), II4JDVS (April), II4ROSA (May), II4PRCE (June), II4JAFL (July), II4KEMP (August), II4PAGE (September), II4NTTI (October), II4GCLB (November), II4SLRI (December). QSL via LoTW, or direct only to IQ4FE. Complete information about the "Marconi Supporters" award:

<http://www.arifidenza.it/> (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ488AM** (March and April), LZ370TL (May and June), LZ67PP (July and August), LZ936BA (September and October), LZ911TD (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2026 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/> (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Polish saints: **SP1040SSZ** (March), **SP1865JML** (April), **SP1920KW** (May), **SP1373JA** (June), **SP1183JO** (July), **SP1905MFK** (August), **SP1373AB** (September), **SP1550SK** (October), **SP1234KK** (November) and **SP1835JK** (December). QSLs via SP3PDO. See <https://radioawards.club/ses/155> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE **EM100W** and **EN100WLKK** are two special callsigns celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Lviv Shortwave Club, founded in 1926 as Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow (LKK). It was one of the largest European clubs before World War II. A commemorative certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/EM100W> for information. (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE To celebrate his 50th anniversary in amateur radio, Nick, US8AR will be active throughout 2026 using the special callsign **EM50AR**. Electronic QSL cards can be downloaded from <https://em50ar.pp.ua> (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA **AX120AAC** celebrates the 120th anniversary of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) during 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YO, ROMANIA **YR1600VT** is the special callsign that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 31 March 2026 to popularize Via Transilvanica, the long-distance trail (1600 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR1600VT>. QSL via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA To commemorate the 170th anniversary of Nikola Tesla's birth, members of the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (YU0SRS) are active as **YT170TESLA** until the end of the year. QSL via LoTW; paper QSL cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The special event callsign **YU65AEC** celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first radio club in Odzaci throughout 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA The radio club Mihajlo Pupin YU7BCD in Pancevo celebrates its 45th anniversary during 2026 with the callsign **YU45MJA**. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND **ZL100C** is a special callsign celebrating the centenary of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), which was formed on 16 August 1926. The callsign is valid until 6 August 2026. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) was founded in Auckland in 1926. To celebrate their centenary, NZART members are encouraged to use the **ZM** prefix during the 2026 year; in addition, individual operators and NZART branches can apply to use special **ZL100** callsigns for a period of 1 to 3 months - e.g. Ian ZL1MVL and the Whangarei Amateur Radio Club (ZL1AM) will be using **ZL100MVL** and **ZL100AM**, respectively, until 31 March. (TNX 425DX)